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22nd World Congress of Dermatology
Seoul 2011

2nd Announcement

As of mid-January 2010 letters were also sent to the heads of each local ILDS member society requesting contact information and/or distribution assistance for the 2nd Announcement. We have received positive confirmation from 56 member societies as to their willingness to help distribute the 2nd announcement of the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology by variety sources. About 70,000 copies of the 2nd Announcement were sent to regular members from approximately 100 countries in our database and each member society by mail. Also, the announcements were distributed to the attendees from the WCD booth during the 18th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) was held in Berlin, from October 7–11, 2009. Especially, the electronic book version of the announcement was produced and distributed to approximately 50,000 members. All societies are encouraged to forward it to their members, and all members can view the online e-book version of the second announcement on the congress website www.wcd2011.org, wherever possible.

Societies that agreed to distribute the 2nd announcement of the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology are as follows:

Argentina: Colegio Ibero-Latino Americano de Dermatología
Australia: Australasian College of Dermatologists
Austria: Austrian Society of Dermatology and Venereology
Belgium: Royal Belgian Society of Dermatology
Bulgaria: Bulgarian Dermatological Society
Canada: Canadian Dermatology Association
Chile: Chilean Society of Dermatology and Venereology
China: Chinese Society of Dermatology • The Hong Kong Society of Dermatology & Venereology • Taiwanese Dermatological Association
Czech Republic: Czech Dermatovenerology Society
Denmark: Danish Dermatological Society
El Salvador: Salvadorian Society of Dermatology
Finland: Finnish Dermatological Society
France: French Society of Dermatology
Great Britain: British Association of Dermatologists
Greece: The Hellenic Society of Dermatology and Venereology
Guatemala: Asociacion Guatemalteca de Dermatología • Guatemalan Academy of Dermatology and Surgery of Skin
India: Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists • Cosmetic Dermatology Society India
Israel: Israel Society of Dermatology & Venereology
Italy: Italian Society of Dermatology • International-Italian Society of Plastic-Aesthetic and Oncological Dermatology (ISPLAD)
Japan: Japanese Society of Pediatric Dermatology • Japanese Dermatological Association
Malaysia: Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia
Mongolia: Mongolian Dermatological Society
Nepal: Society of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists of Nepal (SODVELON)
Norway: Norsk Dermatologisk Selskap
Pakistan: Association of Bangkok Alumni of Dermatology – Pakistan • Pakistan Association of Dermatologists
Romania: The Romanian Society of Dermatology
Slovakia: Slovenska Dermatovenerologicka Spolocnost
Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists
Sweden: The Swedish Society for Dermatology & Venereology (SSDV)
Switzerland: Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Dermatologie und Venerologie SGDV
Syria: Syrian Arab Society of Dermatology
Thailand: Dermatological Society of Thailand
Turkey: Society of Dermatovenerology (Turkey) • Turkish Society of Dermatology
United States: American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) • Society for Investigative Dermatology
Uruguay: Uruguyan Dermatological Society
Vietnam: Dermatological Society of Vietnam
International: European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) • African Association for Dermatology (AFRAD) • European Dermatology Forum • International Committee of Dermatopathology • Asian Dermatological Association • European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry • South Asian Regional Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists • European Society of Contact Dermatitis • International Academy of Cosmetic Dermatology • International Society of Cutaneous Lymphomas • Caribbean Dermatology Association

First Industry Liaison Meeting
The new state-of-the-art Vancouver Convention Center still impresses visitors even if it has been open for almost a year.

The green-design facility offers a spectacular representation of our beautiful planet. It also includes floor-to-ceiling glass, a ‘living roof’, seawater heating and cooling, on-site water treatment and even a fish habitat that has been built in the foundation. The Convention Centre has 473,523 square feet of pre-function, meeting, exhibition and ballroom space.

During the Olympics, this facility will be used as a giant media centre for the thousands of media personnel that will be recording the triumphs and trials of their athletes. Make sure to tune in to see your athletes compete in Vancouver and Whistler!

We hope to see many of you in Miami!

Jerry Shapiro, President
Harvey Lui, Secretary-General
Larry Warshawski, Bid Director, CDA Liaison
World Congress of Dermatology Vancouver 2015 Bid Committee

Letter from Rome

Prof. Sergio Chimenti
(Panel of the Italy Bidding Committee)
Prof. Antonella Tosti
(General Secretary of the Italy Bidding Committee)

with glowing hearts

The 2010 Olympics are only a few days away and Vancouver is already welcoming enthusiastic visitors. Athletes from 97 countries are landing in Canada to live and participate in, what will be, the most exciting times of their lives. The eyes of billions of viewers are going to be on Vancouver when the Olympic Cauldron will be lit up on February 12th.

68th AAD Annual Meeting

The beginning of 2010 also means that the 68th Annual Meeting of American Academy of Dermatology is getting closer. Once again, the Vancouver 2015 World Congress of Dermatology Bid will participate as an exhibitor. We look forward to seeing and meeting old and new friends at our exhibit booth.

Many of our Canadian Dermatologists have been invited to participate at the AAD Annual Meeting as speakers. Among the topics to be discussed by our colleagues will be contact dermatitis, photobiology, dermoscopy, photodynamic therapy, hair and much more. For more details about the lectures in which Canadian’s speakers are involved, we invite you to consult the AAD Annual Meeting Scientific Program or visit us at our exhibition booth.

Vancouver Convention Center

The first Industry Liaison Meeting was held on November 26, 2009 at COEX. Representatives from 11 sponsoring companies and Local Organizing Committee members attended this meeting. The companies include L’oreal & Galderma (Diamond), Allergan (Gold), Stiefel (Gold), Pierre Fabre (Silver), Amore Pacific (Silver), P&G Beauty & Grooming (Silver), Neophrm (Bronze), Astellas Pharma (Bronze), Johnson & Johnson (Bronze), LEO Pharma (Bronze) and INVIDA (Bronze). New sponsorship opportunities were introduced, the preliminary exhibition layout and symposia schedule were presented and sponsorship-related issues were discussed. The next industry liaison meeting will be held on March 7, 2010 at the Annual AAD Meeting in Miami, Florida.

Pre-Registration Available on WCD 2011 Website until August 10, 2010.

Registration has been progressing solidly all over the world, particularly in the host country, Korea. 860 KDA (Korean Dermatological Association) members and 757 delegates from abroad, including invited speakers and chair/co-chairpersons, have registered as of mid-January, 2010 (in total 1,617 registrants).

Thanks go to all participants who have already registered for the Congress. The pre-registration period is currently in effect and will last until August 31, 2010. We ask that you continue to show your support and register online to help make the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology, they may contact the secretariat by sending an e-mail to scientiffic@wcd2011.org.

On November 26, 2009, representatives from 11 sponsoring companies and Local Organizing Committee members attended the Industry Liaison Meeting for the WCD 2011. Representatives from each company shared their thoughts on additional sponsorship opportunities. The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2010 at the Annual AAD Meeting in Miami, Florida.

Simultaneous Interpretation for Chinese, Japanese, Korean

English is the official language of the Congress. It was decided at the last ILDS executive board meeting in Berlin that simultaneous translation into Asian languages would be provided at the 22nd WCD. Simultaneous translation for Chinese, Japanese and Korean will be offered for major congress sessions, taking into consideration the expected number of participants, especially for development of regional dermatology.

Ancillary Meetings during the WCD 2011

Ancillary Meetings will be held from May 23 (afternoon only) to 24 (full day), 2011 at the Congress Venue in conjunction with the 2011 WCD as these meetings represent an important part of the Congress. The organizing committee has recently notified member societies regarding the possibility of holding ancillary meetings at the WCD. Each member society may individually organize and host an ancillary meeting, but the Organizing Committee prefers that they be co-organized in collaboration with other related societies. If societies are interested in organizing an ancillary meeting during the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology, they may contact the secretariat by sending an e-mail to scientific@wcd2011.org.
ICD11
Dermatology and the International Classification of Diseases

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Last year my Co-Chair Michael Weichert and I reported how the ILDS had agreed to support the updating and modernisation of the dermatology component of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). The Board has generously supported me to work full time on the project from September 2009 to May 2010. I am thus based for this period in Geneva, allowing me to be in close contact with the World Health Organisation ICD Team. As previously reported, the ICD Revision Project is ambitious. The intention is to produce a Wikipedia-like Knowledge Base of disease (or ontology) which incorporates definitions, attributes and linkages to other terminologies, as well as a mere hierarchical compilation of disease concepts.

The revision process started in earnest in September in Geneva with the so-called iCamp. This had originally been styled the ‘Boot Camp’ by Bedirhan Üstün, the Project Manager at WHO. The less militaristic sobriquet iCamp was subsequently proposed and accepted by the WHO Team. Thus a group of some forty classification experts, epidemiologists, health informaticists and Topic Advisory Group Chairs and Managing Editors convened in Geneva in late September. They had come from all corners of the globe including Turkey, Brazil, Japan, Thailand, Australia, Europe and North America. They spent five days learning about the project and its goals and trialling a purpose-built web-based tool for authoring the revision. The week allowed everyone to comment both on the proposed structure and content model for ICD and on the Collaborative Authoring Tool (iCAT) for capturing the content data.

There was concern that the project was overambitious and, in particular, that some of the proposed data items to be attached to each disease concept (e.g., treatment, genetic linkages and functional disability) would either rapidly become outdated or be impossible to define in any meaningful way. It was agreed that the Managing Editors should be pragmatic in deciding what information it was worthwhile capturing. Overall, however, the assembled team felt very enthusiastic about the project.

The prototype iCAT tool had been developed in record time by a very dynamic team from Stanford, California. Overall the participants felt very positive about the tool which appeared to function much better than many an application which users had encountered in their own healthcare systems. Through the week it was possible, however, to identify areas in need of further development. All Managing Editors were presented at the end of the week with an imaginary €100.00 to spend on the enhancements which had been proposed during the week and which they felt would be the most valuable to them.

If an Editor felt that there was just one enhancement the importance of which outstripped all others then they could spend their €100.00 on that alone. The shopping lists of all the editors were then combined to create a ranking and priority list for the developers at Stanford. They have continued to work diligently and produced a greatly modified version of iCAT at the end of December. The feature which appeared at the top of the combined shopping list was the ability to change the hierarchical structure more easily and to permit the use of multiaxial hierarchies, so that one disease concept can appear as the child of more than one parent. This would thus, for instance, allow erythema nodosum leprosum to appear within both the leprosy and the cutaneous vasculitis sections of the classification. This feature has now been incorporated within iCAT.

In the past dermatology has had a very limited input into the ICD revision process and the result is a terminology which is ill-suited to our discipline. The invitation from WHO to ILDS to form a Topic Advisory Group was thus very welcome. The fact that ILDS has been able to fund a full-time Managing Editor for the alpha drafting process means that I, as Managing Editor as well as Co-Chair, can concentrate single-mindedly on the complex process of ensuring that the needs of dermatology are integrated into the new ICD structure. It has been very valuable to be able to get to know the Managing Editors from other Topic Advisory Groups and to interact directly with, for instance, the Internal Medicine and Ophthalmology Topic Advisory Groups, which both held meetings in Geneva in the autumn. We also had a successful meeting of our Topic Advisory Group during the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Annual Meeting in Berlin in October.

Dermatology is fortunate in having a number of specialty-specific disease classifications which have been assembled with the help of many dozens of experts over the past fifteen years or so. Three of these, the German Deutscher Diagnosenkatalog, the British Association of Dermatologists’ Index of Dermatological Diagnoses and the US Dermatology Lexicon are being used as source terminologies to help ensure that the dermatology component of ICD is comprehensive. A considerable amount of my time over the autumn was spent in editing and making these terminologies accessible to members of the Expert Working Groups who will be compiling individual sections of the ICD.

Michael Weichert and I have also worked hard to produce a draft top-level hierarchy which is now being put out for comment. We are in the process of setting up a section within the ILDS website where dermatologists engaged in the revision process will be able to download files and view proposals for incorporation into ICD11. Once the draft has been approved by all the Topic Advisory Group Members then we shall ensure that it can be viewed on the website.

The next few months will be vital in ensuring that this project succeeds and we shall be relying on many dermatologists from around the world for their contributions.

As previously stated, ILDS and we are committed to the development of a parallel and linked terminology fully owned by ILDS and available for the dermatology community well in advance of the projected release date of ICD11 in 2014. It should incorporate all the best from our existing source terminologies and form the basis for what we shall be submitting to WHO for ICD11. This is provisionally termed the International Dermatological Disease Ontology (IDDO) but suggestions for a snappier name would be welcome.

Robert Chalmers
Geneva, January 2010
ILDS Certificate of Appreciation 2010: Nomination Request and Relevant Information

The International League of Dermatological Societies, as part of its global work in world dermatology, aims to recognise dermatologists and others in the field of dermatological care who have made an outstanding contribution to improving the outlook for people with skin diseases. The League has a specific ILDS Awards Committee that considers recommendations for individuals who might receive one of our Awards.

One of these Awards is the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation. These Certificates are awarded annually to a number of individuals. They are presented to the awardees at various national and international meetings. We are seeking from you a recommendation of candidates from your own society whom you consider might be suitable for an ILDS Certificate of Appreciation. Nomination Forms have been sent to all ILDS Societies and are also available to download from our website: www.ilds.org. Please note that Nominations may only be considered if they are submitted on the official Nomination Form and contain all requested information.

We are aware that by seeking the input of all our member societies, it is likely that we shall receive a large number of nominations. The number of awards that we give is limited to maintain their value. They indicate that the person who receives such an award is a unique individual whose contribution has been recognised as outstanding and well beyond what one might expect of a person in the course of their normal working life. Thus we must make it clear to you that in seeking your input it will be unlikely that we shall be able to give awards to every person who is nominated.

Nevertheless, we know that you have special knowledge of members of your society who might be suitable for an award. We would be pleased if you could nominate 1–3 persons, who you think might be eligible. To assist you in choosing your nominees for the Certificate of Appreciation, we show below the criteria we believe characterise individuals who may be suitable. These include:

1. The individual has made a long-term, outstanding contribution to clinical or academic dermatology, at a national or international level, that is well beyond what would be expected of an individual in their normal working life.
2. The work has been of value particularly in developing countries.
3. The individual has been undertaking his/her work in a selfless, a humanitarian and a not-for-profit manner.

We value your opinion and assistance in this very special component of the work of the International League. We are certain that with your careful selection and nomination we will be able to include those people most deserving of our ILDS awards.

We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to receiving nominations for your proposed candidates for our Awards by the latest date of Friday, 30th April, 2010.

Previous Award Winners:
The ILDS Distinguished Service Award
David Taplin (1992)
Darrell Wilkinson (1997)
Alfred W. Kopf (2002)
 Terence Ryan (2007)
Henning Grossmann (2007)

The ILDS Certificate of Appreciation 1995–2009
Jorge Abulafia
Klaus Dieter Adamek
Ruben David Azulay
Ashok Kumar Bajaj
Joseph Barnes
Stephane Belaich
Martin Black
Marshall L Blankenship
Pierre Bobin
Jean L. Bolognia
Guenter Burg
Hongduo Chen
Jean Civate
Enno Christophers
Jacinto Convit
William Cunliffe
Luis Diaz
Yahya Dowlati
Louis Dubbertret
Robin Eady
James Ertle
Roberto Estrada
Otto Braun Falco
Eleanor J. Feuerman
Alexander Fisher
Thomas Fitzpatrick
Rachael Friedman-Bimbbaum
Alberto Giannetti
Malcolm Greaves
Allen Green
David Grinspan
Henning Grossman
Robert Happle
Maria Teresa Hoyo Tomoka
Juan Honeyman
Attila Horvath
Won Hough
Sadao Imamura
Yasumasa Ishibashi
Stephania Jablonska
Coleman Jacobson
Helmut Kerl
Young Pio Kim
Yasuo Kitajima
Sidney N. Klaus
Benjamin Kopol Fisher
Atsushi Kubota
Prewa Kullavanijaya
Armal K. Kurban
Jean-Marie Lachapelle
Lois LaGrenade
Charles M. Lapiere
Walter G. Larsen
Yoo Shin Lee
Barbara Leppard
Aaron Lerner
Donald Lookingbill
Anton Luger
Rona M. MacKie
Stuart Maddin
Ronald Marks
Jose Mascaro
Riad Mashal
Aryeh Metzker
Aldo Morrone
Ben Naafs
Rene Garrido Neves
James Nordlund
Maria Leide V. de Oliveira
Joseph L. Pace
Emiliiano Panconesi
Lawrence C. Parish
Albert A. Ramelet
Roy S. Rogers III
Richard Rycroft
Sebastião de Almeida Prado Sampaio
Amado Saul-Cano
Eleanor Joy Schulz
Shinji Shimada
Joon Young Song
John Stratigos
Alain Taieb
Lourdes Tamayo
Arturio Tapia
David Taplin
Jean Thivolet
Raul Vignale
Eric Vonderheide
Michael Waugh
Fenella Wojnarowska
Kazuya Yamamoto
Hugh Zachariae
Herschel Zackheim
The Foundation for International Dermatologic Education
The Progress Towards Elimination of Hansen's Disease in Brazil

ILDS Membership Dues

Despite several requests, some of our Societies have not yet paid their subscriptions or advised the Administrative Office of their membership numbers. Please remember that if your Society is not fully paid up this will result in the following:

• An invitation to attend the Assembly of Delegates meeting at the World Congress of Dermatology in Seoul will not be extended.
• Proposed scholarship awards will not be offered
• Membership of the ILDS will lapse.
• Nominations for the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation will not be accepted.
• Nominations for new Board Members will not be accepted.

If you wish to determine whether your Society has provided all the relevant information, please contact the Administrative Office immediately.

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